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SUBJECT:32ND UNGA: OMNIBUS DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTION

REF: A) USUN 4726; B) USUN 4853

1. USUN SHOULD VOTE AGAINST THE OMNIBUS DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTION REPORTED REFTEL A.

2. EXPLANATION OF VOTE MAY INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINTS AS APPROPRIATE:
-- WE REGRET THAT THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN SEVERAL
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PARAGRAPHS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR THE UNITED STATES TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.

-- THE UNITED STATES' RECORD ON DECOLONIZATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION IS CLEAR. WE HAVE LONG WORKED TO SECURE FOR ALL PEOPLES THE FREE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. WE

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INTEND TO CONTINUE THESE ACTIVE EFFORTS IN COOPERATION
WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES.

-- I WISH TO RECALL FOR THE RECORD THAT WE CONSIDER THE
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION TO BE EXACTLY WHAT THE WORDS

IMPLY; THE RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO DETERMINE FOR THEMSELVES
WHAT STATUS THEY SHOULD HAVE. WE HAVE NO PRECONCEIVED
NOTION AS TO WHAT STATUS A GIVEN NON-SELF-GOVERNING
TERRITORY SHOULD ACHIEVE, EXCEPT THAT IT SHOULD
CORRESPOND TO THE FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE LOCAL
PEOPLE.

-- OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 DOES NOT ADEQUATELY CONVEY
THE VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT SELF-DETERMINATION SHOULD
BE SOUGHT THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

-- THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMEN-
TATION OF RESOLUTION 1514(XV), WHICH IS APPROVED BY
THE FIFTH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, CONTAINS REFERENCES TO
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND PUERTO
RICO. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THESE
REFERENCES ARE INAPPROPRIATE, AS NEITHER THE TRUST
TERRITORY NOR PUERTO RICO FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

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-- WE WISH TO RECALL THAT THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATED
IN THE CONSENSUS AT MAPUTO ON THE ADOPTION OF THE
CONFERENCE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION BUT WITH
CERTAIN RESERVATIONS. WE REAFFIRM THOSE RESERVATIONS
WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6.

-- VARIOUS OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS, INCLUDING 7, 10, AND 12,
URGE THE POLITICIZATION OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG
BELIEVED THAT SUCH POLITICIZATION WOULD BE UNWISE AND
FAVORS THE LIMITATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO THE TECHNICAL AREAS UNDER THEIR
RESPECTIVE JURISTICTIONS.

-- WITH REGARD TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 8, THE UNITED
STATES SHARES THE VIEW THAT THOSE FOREIGN ECONOMIC
ACTIVITIES WHICH IMPEDE THE FREE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT
TO SELF-DETERMINATION SHOULD BE CONDEMNED. WE DO NOT
BELIEVE THAT ALL NON-INDIGINOUS ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN
NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES CAN BE CHARACTERIZED
IN THIS MANNER.

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-- WE OBJECT ALSO TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 9, WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS CONDEMNING ALL CONTACTS, INCLUDING EVEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH

AFRICA. THE UNITED STATES IS ON RECORD IN OPPOSITION TO MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA; WE SUPPORTED SECURITY'COUNCIL RESOLUTION 418 IMPOSING A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO; AND WE HAVE ADHERED STRICTLY TO THE VOLUNTARY ARMS EMBARGO SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN 1963. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT SUPPORT THE LANGUAGE OF THIS PARAGRAPH CALLING FOR AN END TO PEACEFUL, SAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO PROMOTE PROMPT SOUTH AFRICAN ADHERENCE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY
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AND ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS FOR ALL ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES; A DECISION TO CUT OFF ALL NUCLEAR COOPERATION WOULD MEAN ABANDONING THIS POLICY.

-- OUR VIEWS REGARDING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 11 ARE ALSO WELL KNOWN. WE BELIEVE THE ACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INDIVIDUAL CASES SHOULD BE EXAMINED AND THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GENERALIZE WITHOUT REGARD TO SPECIFIC SITUATIONS. THE UNITED STATES IS OPPOSED TO THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY BASES IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES IF SUCH BASES IN FACT INTERFERE WITH THE FREE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

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